

P R E S S R E L E A S E

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Musco Lighting Becomes Official Partner of the French Federation of Baseball and Softball (FFBS)

The FFBS and Musco Lighting formalize a partnership dedicated to youth participation, support for local communities, and improved lighting for sports facilities.



From left to right: Didier Seminet, President of the FFBS, and Alexandre Walraevens, Sales Manager Musco Lighting France

During the **2026 Little League Baseball France Interleague Tournament**, the French Baseball and Softball Federation (FFBS) and **Musco Lighting** officially announced a long-term collaboration.

Under the agreement, **Musco Lighting** becomes an **Official Partner of the FFBS**. The partnership combines Musco's expertise in sports lighting with the Federation's understanding of the needs of clubs, regional organizations, and players.

Its shared goal is to **improve playing conditions** for Baseball, Softball and Baseball5, **support projects** led by clubs and local communities, and **help develop** the next generation of athletes. The FFBS will be able to draw on Musco's expertise in Baseball, Softball and Baseball5, and broader sports facility lighting projects.



A Collaboration Serving Youth, Clubs, and Local Communities

A First Concrete Benefit for Youth Programs

The partnership delivers its first tangible impact during the **2026 Little League Baseball France Interleague Tournament**, held August 21-23 in La Guerche-de-Bretagne and Vitré.

Through conditions created by the partnership, the FFBS can **cover participation fees for the leagues involved as well as officiating expenses for the event**.

This reduces the cost for leagues participating in one of the federation's flagship youth events. Over three days, the Interleague Tournament brings together young athletes from across France for competition, teamwork, and representation of their regional leagues.

By making the Interleague Tournament one of the first outcomes of the partnership, the FFBS and Musco place youth development and improved playing conditions at the center of their work together.

Didier Seminet, President, FFBS

"On behalf of the French Baseball and Softball Federation, I would like to express our gratitude to Musco Lighting for its trust and commitment. That this partnership begins with the Little League Interleague Tournament is especially meaningful because it places our youth, and therefore our future, at the heart of our collaboration.

With Musco Lighting, we share an ambition that goes beyond technical considerations. Better lighting helps our clubs operate longer, welcome more participants, and provide better conditions for athletes of all ages.

Musco Lighting brings light into our homes, and our homes are our clubs. They are places of sport, but also places of learning, community, and belonging. I sincerely hope our community will help support Musco Lighting's growth in France, not only because of the quality of its expertise but also because of the values we share. Bringing light into our clubs also helps illuminate the future of French Baseball, Softball and Baseball5."

Better Lighting to Grow Participation

Improving infrastructure is a **key factor in the growth** of Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 in France.

For many clubs, field access and available scheduling windows directly affect their ability to welcome more participants, expand youth programs, organize training sessions, and host competitions.

Lighting can help:

- Extend facility operating hours
- Create additional training time slots
- Support evening games and events
- Maximize use of existing facilities
- Improve training and competition conditions

Through this partnership, the FFBS aims to facilitate discussions between **Musco Lighting** and clubs, regional leagues, departmental committees, and local governments interested in sports lighting projects.

The goal is to combine Musco's technical expertise with the Federation's understanding of Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 needs in order to **develop solutions** tailored to the realities of each facility and community.

| **Chris Limpach, Director of Europe, Middle East, and Africa Business, Musco:**

"Every athlete deserves access to places where they can learn, compete, and cultivate a lifelong love of sport. The work being done by the FFBS reflects that belief. We are excited to support their efforts to grow Baseball and Softball throughout France. Together, our partnership will create more opportunities for players, clubs, and communities across the country."

| **Les Argoulets in Toulouse, a First Real-World Example**

The partnership can already point to a completed project: the lighting installation at **Les Argoulets baseball field** in Toulouse, delivered with **Musco Lighting**.

The project has improved training and competition conditions, expanded field availability, and provided greater scheduling flexibility.

Les Argoulets field serves as an example of the types of projects the FFBS and Musco hope to support throughout France. It also demonstrates the value of combining on-the-ground sports requirements, municipal priorities, and Musco's specialized expertise.





| A Long-Term Shared Vision

Beyond infrastructure lighting, the partnership is built on **a shared commitment to the development of Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 in France**. Youth development is a major focus. Improved facilities and playing conditions help clubs welcome more young athletes, offer additional opportunities to participate, and support development in better conditions.

The partnership will also strengthen **engagement with local governments**, which play a critical role in creating, renovating, and operating sports facilities. The official announcement during the **2026 Little League Baseball France Interleague Tournament** brings together **Didier Seminet, President of the FFBS, Alexandre Walraevens, Sales Manager of Musco Lighting France**, and **representatives of local governments** attending the event.

It marks the beginning of a collaborative effort focused on three priorities: youth, infrastructure, and support for local communities.

| Alexandre Walraevens, Sales Manager, Musco Lighting France:

"From local clubs to national teams, the strength of Baseball and Softball in France has always come from the passion of the people who support the sport at the community level. With increased international visibility and new opportunities for French athletes to compete on the global stage—including the return of these sports to the LA28 Olympic Games—there is significant potential for growth in the years ahead. Realizing that potential will require thoughtful investment in sports infrastructure, helping communities provide more access, more playing time, and a better overall experience. We are excited to support that progress as a long-term partner to clubs and communities throughout France."

About the French Baseball and Softball Federation



The FFBS organizes, develops, and promotes Baseball, Softball, Baseball5, and related disciplines throughout France. It supports clubs and regional structures through participation growth, education, competition management, and organizational development, with particular emphasis on youth and expansion of sports across local communities.

Learn more at: <https://ffbs.fr/>

About Musco Lighting



Musco Lighting specializes in the design of lighting solutions for sports facilities. Founded in 1976, the company supports projects of all sizes, from grassroots pitches to professional venues, and applies its expertise to lighting quality, facility utilization, and the specific requirements of athletic competition.

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